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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-62 are pending in the instant application filed 03/30/01.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 55-60 and 62 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claims 55-60 and 62 have improper claim dependencies. Claim 55 is presumed to
depend on claim 54 and it cannot be determined what claims 56-60 depend on and
claim 62 is presumed to depend on claim 61 since there is not a claim 65. Appropriate
correction is required.

Election/Restrictions

- 3. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - Claims 1-20 and 45-53, drawn to choosing a financing product, classified in class 705, subclass 39.
 - Claims 21-37 and 42-44, drawn to answering questions relating to a customers financing requirement, classified in class 705, subclass 27.
 - III. Claims 38-41, drawn to initiating a financing transaction, classified in class 705, subclass 38.
 - IV. Claims 54-60, drawn to financing transactions for one or more power generation plants, classified in class 705, subclass 35.
 - V. Claims 61 and 62, drawn to keeping a record of the customer submitted facility data and calculating equity in a facility, and recording the results according to the rules, classified in class 705, subclass 30.

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Inventions Group I and Group II and Group III and Group IV and Group V are related as process and apparatus for its practice. The inventions are distinct if it can be shown that either: (1) the process as claimed can be practiced by another and materially different apparatus or by hand, or (2) the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process. (MPEP § 806.05(e)). In this case Group I can be used to perform the method for facilitating a choice of a financing product and Group II the database can be used to store the information related to a financing requirement. Group III can be used for initiating the financing transaction and the system of Group IV can be used for facilitating the financing transactions for one or more power generation plants. Group V can be used for keeping a customer record and calculating the equity in a facility such as the power generation plants in Group IV.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art in view of their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and the inventions require a different field of search (see MPEP § 808.02), restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are independent or distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be completed must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ella Colbert whose telephone number is 571-272-6741. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Thursday, 6:30AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on 571-272-6747. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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E. Colbert Primarv Examiner

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